

This petition is quite radical, and makes me pause to think. There is a natural division in the spectrum between HF and VHF/UHF, and the license structure reflects that. But we see a large segment of our population segregated to VHF/UHF, with little knowledge of and experience with the HF portion of our service. That's a wall that might be better lowered, if not knocked down entirely as this petition would do. But why make cw the dividing line between the two remaining classes of license? Why test for ability in one (obsolete) mode among many? Here the petition is pointing the wrong direction. Eliminate Morse entirely, and make technical and operational knowledge the steps in the ladder of privilege.